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Strike among the warders of the Bangalore Central Jail.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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FILE HEADING.

Strike among the Warders of the Bangalore Central Jail.

From The Inspector General of Prisons

No. 588/7-18 Dated 28th/30th March'18 Received 1st April'18

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards the report of the Supdt. of the B.C.Jail intimating that 25 Warders have struck work for reasons detailed therein & states that further particulars will be submitted thereon.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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From the I.G. of Prisons.

No. 597/17-18 dated 31st March'18.

Reports, in continuation, that the Warders have since agreed to perform their duties & have returned to duty & states that they will be

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closely watched for the next few days
Submitted.

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1.4.18.

From the report of the Supt. of Prisons it is clear that the strike was due to the change in the hours of duty, and that only 5 warders of the First Grade, 15 of the Second Grade & 5 temporary men struck work. There was no disturbance and the strikers took the Dy. of Prisons immediately after he returned to Head Quarters from his tour, and when the Dy. explained to them their duties, and told them they might either resign or discharge their duties, they all returned to their duties and were permitted to do so. There is no further disturbance of any kind whatsoever.

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Chief Secretary,

For perusal —

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H.H. the Extraordinary Member, and Dewan —

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2.4.18.

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RD
6.4.18

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Office of the Inspr.-Gen. of Prisons in Mysore,

Dated Bangalore, 29th March *191* 8.

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FROM

Rajakaryapravina Rao Bahadur
T.V. Arumugam Mudliar, Esqr., M.B., C.M.,

Inspector-General of Prisons
in Mysore, Bangalore.

DIARY No. J-2342

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To

C.S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esqr., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of H.H. the
Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

GEN. & R-V SECRETARIAT
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SIR,

I have the honor to submit the enclosed report No. 349/F.94 dated 29th March 1918 from the Superintendent, Bangalore Central Jail who states that 25 warders have struck work for reasons detailed therein. On the 27th instant I was away at Chitaldrug and returned to the station this morning (29th) and on hearing of the strike I visited the Jail and found everything quiet and the temporary guarding of prisoners by the Reserve Police was efficient.

2. I was informed by the Chief Jailor that some of the strikers were anxious to get back to duty but they are being kept back by 4 warders who have organized the strike. Further particulars will be submitted to Government later on.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

T V Arumugam

Inspector-General of Prisons.

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FROM

THE INSPR.-GEN. OF PRISONS

IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Govt
Bangalor

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Dated 29th March 191

Despatched 30 "

Received

General No. 588

No. 7-18

Enclosure No. One

Forwards copy of letter received from the Supdt B.C. Jail, regd regarding the strike of warders for work in the Jail on 27-3-18 and reports that the undersigned found everything quiet and the temporary guarding arrangement was effiunt etc.

Letter No. 349/F.94 dated 29th March 1918 from the Superintendent, Bangalore Central Jail; to the Inspector-General of Prisons in Mysore, Bangalore.

In continuation of my D.O. dated the 28th instant, I have the honor to bring to your kind notice that on the morning of Wednesday the 27th March 1918, a party of 25 paid warders of this Jail refused to work in accordance with the rules laid down under charpter XXXIII of the Mysore Jail Manual. They were directed that if they had any grievances they could submit a petition through the official channel for submission to the Inspector-General of Prisons and until whose orders are received in the matter they should resume their legitimate duties. The men refused in a body and went away.

2. In accordance with the practice in vogue prior to the introduction of the new Jail Manual, a portion of the warders i. e., the standing guard used to be on duty for 24 hours at a stretch and the next day they would be completely off duty i.e. for 24 hours. Whereas under the provisions of the new Jail Manual, the full Reserve Guard must be on duty every day from unlocking to lock-up, and the Night Standing Guard is to be formed with a portion of the Reserve Guard and of the warders on releivable posts. This system was introduced and worked for a short while, as in practice it was found impracticable on account of no warder lines being provided, this rule, was therefor relaxed and the Reserve Guard of 20 men were divided into two sections, one of which formed the Reserve by day and the other Standing Guard by night i.e., the day duty men came at unlocking time in the morning i.e., at 6 A.M. and went off duty after lock-up i.e., at 6 P.M., and the Standing Guard men came at 6 P.M. and went off duty at 6 A.M. the next morning.

3. These bodies of 10 men were divided into 3 posts of 3 reliefs each so that each man actually did only 2 hours sentry

in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon.-Similarly, the night men did 2 hours before 12 and 2 hours after 12 midnight i.e., in all only 4 hours sentry.

4. It will be seen that the duties prescribed in rules 471 and 472 of the Mysore Jail Manual were relaxed and actually a lighter work was prescribed in anticipation of your sanction. But even this system did not suit some of the warders as shown above as under the old system they used to be away for 24 hours during which time they had every facility to carry communications between the prisoners and their relatives in moffussil.

5. None of the Head Warders and unwards i.e., senior men have struck duty. Only 5 first grade, 15 secong grade and 5 temporary warders have struck duty.

6. As the efficient guarding of the Jail was essential the Inspector-General of Police who was requested to furnish a posse of 20 Reserve Police men, promptly complied with my request 10 of these men have been utilized as Reserve Guard by day and lo as the Standing Guard by night.

7. Some of the strikers exluding the 25 men above referred to have since returned to duty.

8. On account of having 13 condemned prisoners - an unusual large number - and about 25 vacancies in the warder establishment excluding the strikers, much difficulty is being experienced in sending the prisoners for extra-mural work at the Palace, Dewan's Quarters and the Residency.

9. Although the warders have struck work, there is no unrest or disturbance of any kind among the prisoners in the Jail.

" C O P Y "

Inspector-General of Prisons.

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Immediate Chief III pr

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OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS IN MYSORE.

No. 597/7-18 Dated Bangalore, 31st March 1918.

DIARY NO. 1

FROM Rajakaryapravina Rao Bahadur,
T. V. Arumugam Mudaliar, Esquire, M.B., C.M.,
Inspector-General of Prisons in Mysore,
Bangalore.

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GENERAL SECRETARIAT III JUDICIAL 1-APR 1918

To 1931

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire, B.A.,
Chief.. *Secy. to the Govt. of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,*
Bangalore.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. 588/7-18 dated the 29/30th March 1918, I have the honor to report that the warders of the Bangalore Central Jail who had struck work, came to my office in a body at 1 P.M. on the 30th instant, and complained to me that their duties in the Jail were very hard. I directed them to meet me at the Jail at 4 P.M. on the same day, and they did so. I explained to them the duties they had to perform ie, one lot doing duty by day and the other lot by night, each warde getting two hours round at a time. I also told the warders that if they ~~would~~ did not like to perform the Jail guarding duties as I explained to them, they might give up their uniforms to the Jail authorities and clear out in a body. Thereupon they agreed to perfom the duties as I explained to them and returned to duty.

2. This morning (31-3-18) they were all taken back to dut and they will be closely watched for the next few days during which period the Reserve Police guard which has been sent by the Inspector-General of Police will be kept on.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

T. V. Arumugam

FROM

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF
PRISONS IN MYSORE,
BANGALOR

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE,
DEPARTM

Dated 31st March 19

Despatched 1st April 19

Received

General No. 597

No. 7-18

Enclosure No.

SUBJECT

Reports that the wa
of the B.C. Jail ha
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